

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT School Entry Requirements**

### **Please read the information below completely**

Students entering public and private schools for the first time in the Memphis and Shelby County area are required to provide the following:

- certified copy of birth certificate,
- social security number,
- proof of medical examination and
- proof of required immunizations
- proof of residence in school district

**Tennessee immunization requirements for school entry include: \***

### **Child Care Attendance**

Children attending child care must be immunized age-appropriately according to the schedule below:

| <b>Age of Child</b> | <b>Number of Doses Required</b>   |
|---------------------|---|
| 2-3 months          | 1 DTP/DtaP/DT, 1 Polio, 1 Hib   |
| 4-5 months          | 2 DTP/DtaP/DT, 2 Polio, 2 Hib   |
| 6-11 months         | 3 DTP/DtaP/DT, 2 Polio, 3 Hib   |
| 12-15 months        | 3 or 4 Hib*, and 1 MMR given on or after the first birthday   |
| 12-18 months        | 4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 3 Polio, and 1 Varicella   |
| 4-6 years           | 4 or more DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 Polio, 4 Hib*, 1 Varicella, and 2 MMR given on or after the first birthday |

\*If child starts Hib at 15 months through 4 years of age, give just one dose of Hib vaccine. The number of doses depends on the type of vaccine used - 1 dose on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.

### **School Attendance K-12**

**DTP:** All students must have at least four (4) doses. One (1) must be given after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Polio:** All students must have at least four (4) doses - for all grades. If only 3 doses, 1 must be after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**MMR:** All students K thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade must show proof of having received two (2) doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella vaccine) after their 1<sup>st</sup> birthday - for all grades.

**Hepatitis B:** Proof of adequate immunization is required for Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup>

grade because:

- Effective July 1, 1999, proof of adequate immunization against Hepatitis B was required prior to entry into kindergarten.

- Effective July 1, 2002, proof of adequate immunization against Hepatitis B was required prior to entry into the seventh grade.

If student had this series of Hep B shots as a baby, the shot does **NOT** need to be repeated for 7th grade.

**Varicella (Chickenpox):** One (1) dose given after 1st birthday is required for Kindergarten.

\*Children in pre-school classes at schools or in child care facilities have different requirements.

## **College**

Two (2) doses of MMR are required for full-time students attending college in Tennessee if they were born after 1957. Parents and students should also consider the need for the meningococcal vaccine, particularly if the student will be living in a dormitory.

**REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS** for school attendance are available **NOW** at all Health Department Public Health Clinics; Health Loop Clinics; Immunization Clinic, 814 Jefferson Ave; DHS Immunization Clinic, 3320 Jackson Ave., and private health care providers.

For additional information about Immunization clinic locations, please contact the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department's Immunization Program at 901-544-7708, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## **THE NEWEST HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC LOCATIONS:**

Shelby Crossing, 6170 Macon Road, Memphis, TN 38134  
Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Phone: 901-372-7581

Millington Clinic, 8225 Highway 51 North, Millington, TN 38053  
Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Phone: 901-872-4433

**REQUIRED CERTIFIED COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES** can be obtained at two (2) convenient locations:

- Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Hickory Hill Vital Records office, 6590 Kirby Center Cove, (901-362-1015) and
- Main Health Department location, Room 101, 814 Jefferson Ave. (901-544-7608) OR
- From the birth certificate section of this website.

Birth Certificates for children born in Shelby County cost \$7.00 for the first copy of short form and \$4.00 for each additional copy when purchased at the same time. The first copy of the long form is \$12.00 and \$4.00 for each additional copy.

The Hickory Hill location usually has shorter lines and therefore clients can get the number of birth certificates needed in a shorter period of time, than at the main Health Department location. Parents are encouraged to get copies of birth certificates early as the lines get longer the closer it gets to school re-opening in the Fall.

For more information about obtaining certified copies of birth certificates, please contact the Health Department's Vital Records office at 901-544-7608, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.